

UNITED STATES SENATE
Committee on Foreign Relations

For Immediate Release
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Senator Theodore Francis Green, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, today released the following exchange of letters with the President:

December 16, 1958

Dear Mr. President:

In past years it has been customary for the Secretary of State to appear in Executive session before the Committee on Foreign Relations early in each new session of Congress to give members the benefit of his views with respect to the state of our international relations. The Committee has found the Secretary's testimony of great value in the discharge of its responsibilities in the field of foreign relations.

In order for the Committee to have a full picture of our relations with the rest of the world, it seems to me that the Secretary's statement should be supplemented by testimony concerning the state of our military defenses and the state of our economic relations with the rest of the world. Furthermore, it is important, I believe, that the Committee acquire an intelligence evaluation of our world posture as it is related to that of the Soviet bloc. The coordinated national estimate which such testimony would provide seems to me to be essential to enable the Committee intelligently to consider foreign policy issues that will come before the Senate this year.

Would it be possible this year to arrange for appropriate officers of the Executive Branch to brief the Committee along the general lines of the enclosed outline?

The President

The White House

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I am sure members of the Committee would be most grateful for the assistance of the Executive, thus making it possible to begin deliberations this session on a broad foundation of mutual understanding.

Most respectfully,

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Theodore Francis Green
Chairman

Enclosure